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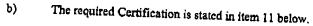
[X] 5 A list of documents on Form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document is enclosed herewith.

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 - [] 8 The required certification made in item 11 below; or
 - [] 9 The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 14 below.
- [] 10 37 CFR 1.97(d): [before issue fee payment]; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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